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Sir,

At 7.35 p.m. 20th instant two detectives belonging to Taoyin Chow's yamen arrested two men named Tsu Vi Hou 朱維漢 and Zee Hai Ding 徐漢鼎 at the S.N.R. Station, as they were about to leave for Nanking. A revolver was found on the person of Tsu Vi Hou. Both the prisoners who are said to be revolutionary transport officers were taken to the Taoyin's yamen where they are detained.

Owing to the reports that the rebels here would attempt a rising on the 22nd or 23rd instant, strict precautions are being taken by the Chinese Authorities.

Since the arrival of Nyau Tih Sung 鈕鐵生 from Japan the rebels here are becoming more hopeful regarding the local situation. They now entertain hopes of being able to start a successful rising in Shanghai but it is not likely that anything will be done for some time.

It is reported that Taoyin Chow has received a communication from the Civil Governor of Kiangsu saying that the land office will remain under Chow's control.

It is reported that information has been received in Peking that the troops under General Yang, Military Governor of Shanghai are not to be relied on. In consequence of this General Song Nan Wo 宋乃文 who has been in Nanking for some days trying to induce Chiangchun song to go to Peking will come to Shanghai to investigate matters. The drilling of the troops here is receiving special attention in preparation for General Peng's arrival as it is expected that he will inspect the troops which he comes.

The following is a translation of an extract from the Deutsche Zeitung für China dated 19th Feb 1916:-

"THE S.S. CHINA HELD UP.

"The steamer of the newly established America-Chinese" China Mail Steamship Company s.s. "China" which left Woosung on Friday morning for America had an unpleasant experience. The same day about noon she was held up by a British cruiser and for five hours she was searched by a party from the warship. Thirty eight men supposed to be Germans were taken from the ship. The women were not molested and remained on board. Whether there were 38 Germans on board this ship or not we cannot say so far as we know there were only 20 and



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amongst those were two doctors. This is a very grave breach of neutrality which nothing can justify because the ship was sailing under a neutral flag and her destination was a neutral port and she was held up in neutral waters.

Leaving aside the desire of a certain English offices to take revenge on a handful defenceless Germans there may be also be the desire to frighten passengers from sailing on ships of neutral companies".

Your Obedient Servant,

Munstermann

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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